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SUBJECT: SADAT INTERVIEW

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1. CAIRO REFTEL CITED FBIS TRANSCRIPTION OF SADAT'S REMARKS TO HAWADITH ON SOVIET DEBTS. AS SPECIFICALLY NOTED IN OUR CABLE, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE SADAT INTENDED IMPLY HE WILL ASK US TO PAY FOR EGYPT'S DEBTS. NO ARABIC LANGUAGE CAIRO DAILY MADE ANY SUCH SUGGESTION. HOWEVER, ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE, WHICH HAS VERY LIMITED CIRCULATION AND IS READ ONLY IN EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY, HAD MISLEADING HEADING ON ITS REPORT OF HAWADITH INTERVIEW: "EGYPT WILL SEEK US AID TO REPAY SOVIET DEBT". THIS DISTORTION NEITHER STATED NOR IMPLIED IN ANY OTHER EGYPTIAN PUBLICATION.

2. TANNER DOES NOT READ ARABIC. APPARENTLY HE DID NOT OBTAIN FULL TRANSLATION OF SADAT'S ACTUAL REMARKS TO HAWADITH, FULL RPT FULL TEXT OF WHICH APPEARED IN AHAM. WE ARE SURPRISED THAT JOURNALIST OF TANNER'S STATURE COULD MAKE SUCH A MISTAKE. NEW YORK TIMES AND EGYPTIAN GAZETTE HAVE MISQUOTED AND DISTORTED SADAT'S REMARKS; REPUTABLE CAIRO PAPERS HAVE

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NOT DONE SO.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED MFA UNDERSECRETARY RIAD OF NYT TREATMENT.
HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR INFO AND SAID HE WONDERED IF HE SHOULD
INFORM BAGHDAD AND AMMAN. EMBOFF NOTED DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS
TO OUR MISSIONS THERE TO CONTACT EGYPTIANS; RIAD RESPONDED
THAT THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK.
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